21. A color cosmetic composition comprising an oil component and a particulate matter component, the improvement wherein the composition additionally contains an uncrosslinked synthetic polymer having a glass transition temperature of 76 to 120° C., consisting of polymerized ethylenically unsaturated monomers having the general formula:

$$CH_3 \\ | \\ CH_2 = C \\ | \\ R_1$$

wherein R_1 is COOM wherein M is a substituted or unsubstituted C_{1-30} straight or branched chain alkyl where the substitutents are halogen, hydroxy, or alkoxy; pyrrolidone; or a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic, cyclic, alicylic, or bicyclic ring where the substitutents are C_{1-30} straight or branched alkyl.

- 22. The composition of claim 21 wherein R_1 is COOM.
- 23. The composition of claim 22 wherein is a substituted or unsubstituted C₁₋₅ alkyl or an alicyclic ring.
- 24. The composition of claim 21 wherein the polymer is methyl methacrylate.
- 25. The composition of claim 21 wherein the polymer is isobornyl methacrylate.
- 26. The composition of claim 21 wherein the polymer has a glass transition temperature of 85 to 115° C.
- 27. The composition of claim 21 wherein the polymer is soluble in a paraffinic hydrocarbon.
- 28. The composition of claim 27 wherein the paraffinic hydrocarbon is isododecane.
- 29. A lipstick composition comprising:

1-40% of an uncrosslinked synthetic polymer having a glass transition temperature of 76 to 120° C., consisting of polymerized ethylenically unsaturated monomers having the general formula:

wherein R_1 is COOM wherein M is a substituted or unsubstituted C_{1-30} straight or branched chain alkyl where the substitutents are haloger, hydroxy, or alkoxy; pyrrolidone; or a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic, cyclic, alicylic, or bicyclic ring where the substitutents are C_{1-30} straight or branched alkyl.

10-40% of a volatile oil,

10-30% of a nonvolatile oil,

1-30% of a wax having a melting point of 30 to 120° C., and

10-40% particulate matter having a particle size of 0.5 to 100 microns.

- 30. The composition of claim 21 which is a lipstick.
- 31. The composition of claim 30 wherein the lipstick comprises, by weight of the total composition:

3-30% of the polymer,

10-40% of a volatile oil selected from the group consisting of cyclomethicone, a volatile paraffinic hydrocarbon, and mixtures thereof,

10-30% of a nonvolatile oil,